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Report on the National Women's Conference

By Harriet Leve

Attending the National Women's Conference in Houston from November 18-21, was one of the most exhilarating and memorable experiences of my life. The power and the strength of 20,000 women coming together to share their concerns for women's rights was electrifying.

This was the largest meeting of women in this country ever to be funded by the U.S. Government. Of the 20,000 women in attendance, 1442 of them were official voting delegates.

Some notable women who attended the conference were Bella Abzug (presiding officer for the conference), Gloria Steinem, Kate Millett, Betty Friedan, Flo Kennedy, Billie Jean King, Gail Sheehy, Corretta Scott King, Rosalynn Carter, Lady Bird Johnson and Betty Ford.

The myriad of activities and services included a torch relay arrival ceremony, plenary sessions, exhibits, skills clinics and success stories, a "distinguished women in government" lecture series, a film festival, a job placement information center, panels on international perspectives, entertainment, and panels on the arts.

The recommendations from the conference will go to President Carter by March 1978. The President will then submit recommendations to Congress within 120 days.

The proposed National Plan of Action contained twenty-six resolutions. Twenty-five of the resolutions were passed by the delegates. The one resolution that was defeated was a plan to establish a Cabinet-level Women's Department in the executive branch of the Federal government.

The greatest excitement concerning the resolutions centered around the Equal Rights Amendment, Reproductive Freedom, and Sexual Preference.

More specifically, the Sexual Preference Resolution states, "Congress, State and local legislatures should enact legislation to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual and affectional preference in areas including, but not limited to, employment, housing, public accomodations, credit, public facilities, government funding, and the military. State legislatures should reform their penal codes or repeal State laws that restrict private sexual behavior between consenting adults. State legislatures should enact legislation that would prohibit consideration of sexual or affectional orientation as a factor in any judicial determination of child custody or visitation rights. Rather, child custody cases should be evaluated solely on the merits of which party is the better parent, without regard to that person's sexual and affectional orientation."

The Sexual Preference Resolution passed by an 8-1 margin and the celebration of its passage was a sight to behold. Hundreds of multi-colored balloons inscribed with the words "we are everywhere" floated to the ceiling of the convention hall while shouts of joy filled the air. Hundreds of women then congregated outside the convention hall to continue the victory celebration by each lighting a candle and singing the song "Amazon Nation."

The Bisexual Center had a prominent display booth at the Houston Civic Center during the entire conference. Many women stoppped by our booth and expressed their delight in realizing that a bisexual organization exists. About 2,000 people took our flyers and information and shared the hope that a bisexual community will develop in their own home town. In the

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Book Review

"HELLO, I LOVE YOU"

Hello, I Love You; Voices from Within the Sexual Revolution (edited by Jeanne pasle green and Jim Haynes, Times Change Press, 1977) is an uneven collection of interviews with 48 men and women who represent a wide range of sexual expression and behavior. Some of the pieces are excellent, particularly Susana Allen's "Bisexuality: The best of both worlds." Some are strident, like an early Germaine Greer, "Ladies on Top." Many, however, suffer from unnecessary wordiness and could have been edited from a conversational style into a more terse and readable version. A caution: the language is often frank and may offend some.

There is much here to recommend, nevertheless, and the sex-positive tone is appealing, as is the consistent recurrent theme of bisexuality as a viable lifestyle.

It is definitely not a book to read at one sitting, as I tried to do, but rather lends itself well to being dipped into and digested one piece at a time. That way the reader has time to mull over the ideas and concepts raised by individual interviewees, many of which are truly revolutionary, to try on what fits and discard what does not. Recommended with reservations.

Lee Olivier

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meantime, many of them will subscribe to our newsletter to keep in touch.

Numerous members of the media came by our booth to take pictures and interview us for radio, television and newspapers.

On Saturday evening, November 19, the Bisexual Center held a news conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston. The following remarks are excerpts from statements given by those who participated in the news conference. Over twenty members of the media from all over the world were there.

Dr. Benjamin Spock-pediatrician and author of Baby and Child Care. "Gay and bisexual people are morally no different from all other people. Some of the world's greatest artists, writers and composers have been such.

Homosexual teachers are just as highly principled as heterosexual teachers. There is no moral justification for denying them their rights as citizens just because some people fear them or have an aversion to them.

Custody of a child should not be awarded on the basis of the parents' sexual preferences, but of the child's relationships with them."

Dr. Harriet Leve-Co-director of The Bisexual Center and businesswoman. "Bisexuals can experience similar kinds of oppression that are felt by gays. The Bisexual Center strongly supports legislative protection for bisexual and gay rights particularly in the area of child custody, housing, teaching positions and other work situations. Bisexual and gay people certainly have the right to raise their own children, to live where they choose and to teach in our school systems if they are qualified teachers.

The Bi Center is extremely supportive of and involved with the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, minority rights, abortion rights and child care centers."

Hogie Wyckoff-therapist and author of Solving Women's Problems. "Bisexuality has much to offer us as an alternative lifestyle. First, it tends away from the limitations of sex-role stereotypes toward a more androgynous blending of 'female-male' characteristics. Thus bisexuality frees people to be equally open to their intellectual/rational side as well as their intuitive/feeling side.

Second, bisexuals value cooperation as the way to satisfy heartfelt needs and resolve conflicts. Cooperation is based on a belief that sufficient resources exist and that we all have equal rights to satisfaction.

Third, bisexuals are accepting of divergent lifestyles that are non-exploitative. We are tolerant and support people to have intimate relationships that may not fit into the heterosexual/monogamous script that is taken for granted in our culture."

Ruth Falk-feminist writer and author of Women Loving. "This is a time of transformation. Thousands of women have gathered together from across the country to express our woman power. Every woman attending this conference, whatever her views, has been greatly affected, as will every woman, man and child be affected from the force of the conference which will reverberate endlessly in concentric circles across the country. This is the year of Woman and the female force.

The balance has already changed in our favor, to begin the inevitable. Our human rights-gay rights, abortion rights, minority rights, child care and child custody rights, ratification of the E.R.A., will continue to gain positive support.

The Women's Movement insures each of us women, men, children alike, free choices to be however we wish to be. The basic changes that we need in this society must happen by people organizing and by changing themselves from within."

Dr. Phyllis Lyon-San Francisco Human Rights Commissioner and co-author of Lesbian/Woman. "The most recent attack on Gay people is that we are a threat to the family. What those who attack us fail to understand is that we are families. We are your children; we are your family.

The biggest threat to the family is not Gay people. It is those who would turn parents against their Gay sons and Lesbian daughters. Those who would split up families, who would deny the love of parents for Gay child, of child for Gay parent.

What is important for the survival of the American family is an end to sexism between men and women, and an end to heterosexism between Gay and non-Gay."

There were a few negative situations at the conference. Many women with confirmed reservations could not get a hotel room the first night because the National Building Materials Association had extended their convention one more day and were still occupying the women's rooms. There was a physical confrontation between some women attending a rally for the E.R.A. and some members of the Ku Klux Klan. And a group of women who opposed

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feminist goals met in a counter-conference in Houston.

However, the positive energy of the conference greatly outweighed any negative factors that were present. Women are moving forward with great strength and this conference helped develop a solid base for gaining women's rights.

Special thanks go to Margaret Ann Cockrell for the beautiful banners she designed for our display booth, to Jerry White for his photographs of our center's location which drew much welcome attention, and to Pay Lytle, Ruth Falk and Hogie Wyckoff who attended the conference and were so helpful in taking care of the Bi Center booth and contributing to our news conference.

Androgyny at Stanford

Stanford University, through its Office of Residential Education, offers undergraduates an alternative to dormitory living. Several on-campus private residences, as well as former sorority and fraternity houses, have been converted to co-operative housing in which the students themselves cook, clean, and participate in decision-making. In addition there must be a definite educational theme for each particular living group. The scope of these has varied from French, Italian, German, and International Studies to Ecology, Non-Violence, and Alternative Lifestyles.

Last winter and spring, a group of dedicated students proposed the creation for this current academic year of yet another such co-op, to be called Androgyny House. Reasons at that time for such a theme were varied: for example, experimentation in attempting to live a non-sexist lifestyle, the study of sexism, incorporation of both "masculine" and "feminine" character traits into one's personality, using feminist ideas in daily living, and studies of how both men and women can benefit from the changes in society that androgynous attitudes would bring about.

Not surprising is the current disharmony over the house's name (the familiar problem of labels !). To date, the official house name has been dropped and new ones are under discussion. Apparently, people have different concepts of what androgyny and feminism mean and how they should actually be manifested in the house. One resident's view is that feminism implies political activity while androgyny is a more passive term dealing with personal behavior and thought. Another is that androgyny basically means ridding oneself of sex-roles. However most house members find the diversity of views excellent for the group as it stimulates examination of feelings, thoughts, and behavior related to the theme.

These students have been involved in quite a number of activities this academic quarter, such as taking an undergraduate special course called "Feminism and Androgyny: An Exploration"; planning and carrying out of some of the activities of the recent Women's Week at Stanford, including free childcare; and attending weekly internal consciousness-raising groups (2 for men and 2 for women). Planned for the near future is the creation of an outreach committee to go to other on-campus residences to talk about androgyny, sex-roles and feminism.

While the pioneering of this group is certainly to be admired, the current diversity seems to be splitting the house members into two factions. The larger group seems to prefer a more hard-line political feminist outlook, while only a relative few appear interested in actively working on some sort of androgynous lifestyle. Perhaps the difference is just the means of getting there. However, talking with several house residents made it clear that there was a great deal of supportive respect for opposing and contrasting opinions as everyone wanted all views to be heard.

Wally Ropchan

AB 1302

Assemblyperson Art Agnos (Dem. S.F.) has introduced a bill in Sacramento to prevent discrimination of gay people. Letters of support of AB 1302 should be sent to Agnos and your assemblyperson. For further information contact Gay Lobbiest Steve Badeau at 621-4091.

FRAMES NEEDED

The Bi Center received, recently, five silkscreen prints of "androgynous images" which are intended to adorn our walls. They need to be framed. Who out there is willing to contribute the time and materials? For more info: Ed Sakir 2859626

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I was more than slightly angered by your responses to two recent letters about bisexuality, so I have decided to write in order to provide you with a different perspective.

I'm sure you wouldn't tolerate homosexuals being referred to as "perverts" or "weirdos," so I'm shocked that you would permit another group of people to be so maligned.

For lack of a better term in a label-conscious society I would consider myself bisexual. This doesn't make me "kinky," a weirdo or a pervert, nor is it a fad. I don't try to convert straight men to change their sexual behavior. It is their own responsibility to decide to remain straight or to open their minds to possible alternatives. For myself I have given up the fear and ignorance around the label homosexual while remaining in contact with my heterosexual feelings. When I'm seeking a relationship, it's who the person is in every sense, not whether it's a man or woman, that is most important. As for sex, it may or may not be part of the rapport between the two people, but this is a matter of choice not fear.

To the two men who wrote I'd like to say I'm sorry your same'sex experiences were not positive, but I'd like you to determine your responsibility in what occurred. If it "wasn't for you," then just say you didn't like it. Don't use the experience to dump on someone else. You needn't be filled with guilt or fear.

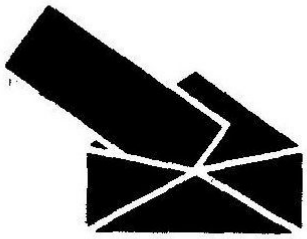
Ann, being a student of psychology and counselling in the area of sex, I ask you to view bisexual people with the same respect you have shown to homosexuals. (As an adolescent I remember your stand on gay people as a large factor in my growing up as a healthy, self-respecting person).

San Francisco has an organization called The Bisexual Center, founded and run by extremely capable and loving men and women. I encourage others who are beyond the hetero-homo struggle to contact them. (P.O. Box 26227, S.F., 94126).

Sincerely,

R.B.

We get letters



Dear Harriet Leve and Maggi Rubenstein,

Received the name and address of your organization from Janet Bode, author of 'View From Another Closet.' Read her book then wrote to her asking for information; was surprised and delighted when she promptly responded with a nice letter and a copy of your membership form.

The flyer than Janet Bode sent me, however, was not the first time I'd heard of your group. Back last September, while in Chico for a gig, my lover had clipped an article from the Chronicle which announced the formation of your group (I think it was your group). At any rate, we kept the article for many months, always intending to write for information, then it got lost in the shuffle.

Now we have found you again and will do what should have been done 6 months ago, JOIN!

Why would someone in LA want to join a group based in San Francisco? It's a starting point, at least; there seems to be NOTHING in LA for bisexuals. I even tried writing to the Gay Community Services Center and got NO response.

We won't be able to contribute physically to the workshops, rap sessions, etc.; but the chance of free-flowing information will be a great help to us and we can, perhaps, return some sort of contribution through correspondence.

Hope to be hearing from you soon,

C.G.

BI-VIEW MALE

By David Lourea

About thirty years ago Alfred Kinsey said, "The human mind invents such categories as hetero and homo and tries to force facts into separate pigeonholes. The living world is a continuum in all of its aspects. The sooner we learn that this applies to human sexual behavior, the sooner we shall reach a sound understanding of the realities of sex."

With that, Kinsey developed a 0 - 6 scale, zero being totally heterosexually oriented and six being exclusively homosexually oriented. A large percentage of people fall between 1 and 5, being attracted to both men and women in varying degrees. The closer to 0 on the scale, the more other-sex oriented a person is, and the closer to 6 the more same-sex oriented a person is, with 3 being about evenly attracted to men and women.

Like most people, I hate labels. I find them divisive, limiting, prejudical and oppressive. But if the world is going to insist on using terms like "gay" and "straight", I'd like a label that more closely describes who I am, so I call myself "bi", and the definition that comes the closest to what I mean is adapted from Phyllis Lyon's and Del Martin's Lesbian/Woman: a bi person is someone who has a strong interest in relating to both men and women, either to the same or to varying degrees, on a social, psychological, emotional, sensual and sexual level, whether they choose to act on that interest or not, and who self-identify as bi. Maybe it's time for us to stop putting labels on other people and let each of us define our own self.

Whenever I hear bisexuality being discussed, which is rarely, it is usually in the context of either, "well, isn't everyone potentially bisexual?" or "There's no such thing, it's a cop-out", and then the subject is dismissed.

There are several things about the first statement that bother me. First, it is often made without any recognition that there are a lot of us who actually do relate or are strongly attracted sexually to both men and women! In fact, throughout history there have always been many people for whom relating to both men and women has been more than just a potential; it's a reality.

Second, it is overly simplistic. No one knows what factors or combination of factors make a person exclusively or primarily interested in someone of the same or other sex. Third, that statement can be oppressive by setting up an external norm..."you're not living up to your potential, you know."

The second statement, I feel, is made by people who don't want to acknowledge that there is any connection between gay and straight. If there is, then they might have to deal with their own same or other sex feelings or accept the fact that not everyone is a 0 or 6 on the Kinsey scale. I'm sure that for some people calling themselves bi is a cop-out. It would appear, on the surface at least, that being bi is more socially acceptable than being gay.

It took me a long time to use the term gay when talking about my feelings for or relationships with men. At this point, I love and cherish my gayness. I consider it one of the most important aspects of who I am; but to call myself gay would negate and be a denial of the strong attraction and feelings I have for women. It would be a cop-out, as would calling myself straight.

The myth that seems to go hand in hand with bi as a cop-out is the one that says bi is only a transitional stage. We live in a very sex negative society, one that tries to fit people into sex role stereotypes. We are taught to look for standards and normalcy outside of our own internal truths. It is not surprising that it takes most of us time to discover and accept who it is we really are and where our main sexual preferences lie. I did not have my first same sex relationship until I was twenty-six, but for as long as I can remember having sexual fantasies,

they have been sometimes of men and sometimes of women. I used to get upset if I was relating sexually to a woman and started fantasying about a man. I'd think, "Oh God, please don't let me be a latent homosexual." Today sometimes when I'm with a man and I start thinking of a woman, I'm more inclined to think, "Oh God, please don't let me really be straight."

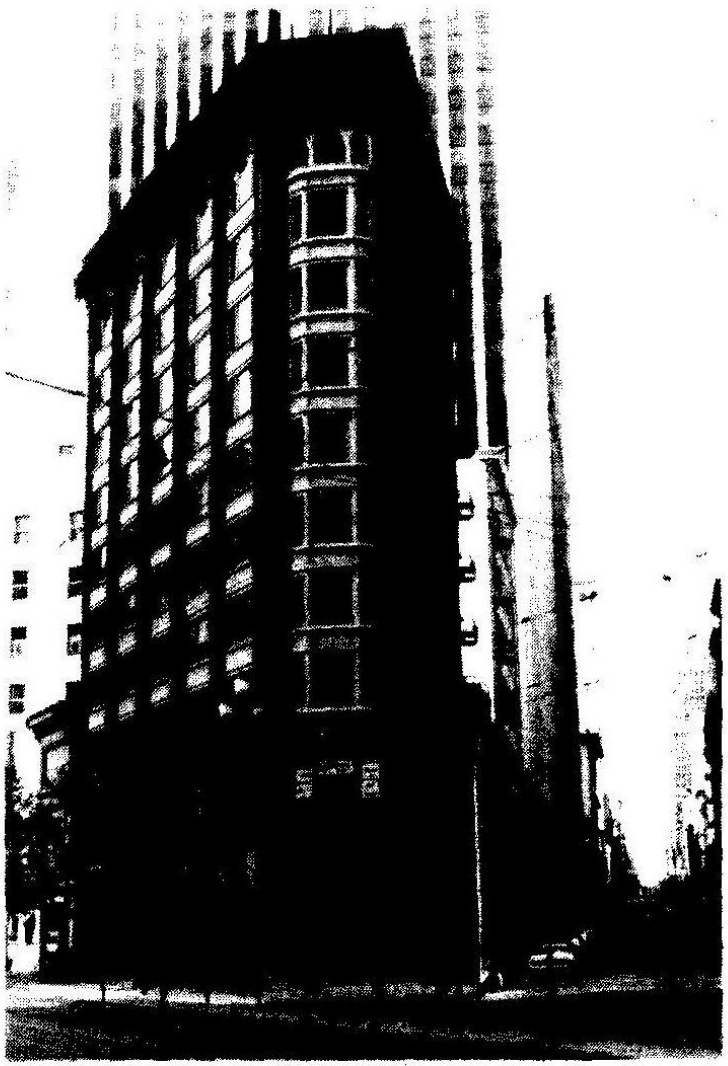
Another Myth about bis, as well as gays, is that we're all promiscuous. Kinsey defined promiscuity as having more sexual relationships than the person calling you promiscuous is having. So if you're getting it on with more people than I am, You're promiscuous. I particularly dislike that word because, as words like frigid, nymphomania, and a number of other words are very judgmental and sex negative. I happen to like relating to a number of different people on a lot of different levels, but I know many bis and gays who are in monogamous relationships and have been for many years. It is also possible to be bi or gay and be celibate.

I find the myth that bis are "indiscriminate", "They'll get it on with anyone", very offensive. While I may choose to relate to many people sexually I am very discriminating. What I don't do, however, is indiscriminately eliminate half the human race because they happen to have the "wrong" set of genitals.

Some of the things that have come up for me in dealing with and understanding my bi-ness are sex-role stereotypes and developing egalitarian relationships with women. Being androgynous and getting in touch with, respecting and loving the feminine part of myself has helped. Also relating to men has helped. In a male-male relationship who initiates? Who is receptive? Who pays the check? Who does the housework, cooking, or dishes? Who holds whom? Whoever feels like it at any given point in time, that's who!

Allowing myself to fall in love with another man, I have had to deal with much of the same oppression that anyone who loves someone of the same sex deals with: the invalidation; the stares because you dare to be so blatant as to hold hands in public; the political harrassment of being a teacher just now (No; bis would not be allowed to teach a half day in Dade County, and Briggs is attacking bis as well as gays), the fear of rejection from friends and family. In addition I also have the fear of being rejected or not trusted by gays because I happen to love women also.

I have been lucky. I have had the support and acceptance of my wife, daughter, son, and other family members. I have also been able to develop a large support group of friends; bi, gay, and straight, who share and relate to and understand me and accept who I am and who have helped me get past "stuck" times in my life. It is important to have that kind of acceptance. My hope is that the bi center and bi community will be able to provide that kind of support to others as it has to me.



Our offices are located in this historic San Francisco structure, the Flatiron Building, at the intersection of Market, Sansome, and Sutter Streets. Our window is the androgynous one.

POETRY

ANIMA/FINDING THE WOMAN IN MAN

You stand here,
roses at your feet,
waiting to be whole,
woman in man.

It is the journey you take to
find the woman in you.
You do not look outside to
women who smile
offering themselves to you
or feel silky dresses glide through
your fingers and dry there.
Outside, women wait like mirrors to
reflect you.

Look in, look in.
She waits for you there.
She does not wear silk, she does not
grow old, her face turns in a circle.
She is not your sister, she is not your
mother, she is not your wife.

On the outside mermaids laugh and
pull you down into deep waters.
Outside, in churches the Virgin Mary
stands on altars made by men,
at her feet a witch lights candles to her.
Look inward, see the woman who waits there.
She is holy, kind and warm.

Put away the mirror that is your wife
for she grows old as your reflection.

Pat Smyklo

Anthology on Bisexuality

This is the last call for submitting articles, poetry and/or graphics for the anthology on bisexuality that will be published soon. All profits from the anthology will go to the Bi Center and the co-editors of this project are Hogie Wyckoff and Harriet Leve. The deadline for submitting material is January 16, 1978, and please send your material to The Bisexual Center, P.O. Box 26227, San Francisco, CA. 94126.

Reference Library

At this month's general meeting, Jerry White offered to begin the following project:

to assemble, within the structure and under the auspices of the Bisexual Center, a comprehensive reference library devoted to the subjects of human sexuality in all its aspects, with particular emphasis upon bisexuality; to include:

an extensive bibliography of works in print hardbound and paperback books, both fiction and non-fiction

magazine collections and individual articles

unpublished papers, manuscripts or theses

collections of poetry

collection of fine erotic art

a complete set of all Bi Center newsletters

a scrapbook of Bi Center activities, and current events of historical significance which affect the Center's stated goals.

We will be constantly seeking donations of the above materials (and cash donations for the purchase of books) from members, from educational organizations such as Gay Task Force, San Francisco Sex Information, Save Our Human Rights, etc., and from bookstores and commercial establishments.

From time to time special materials on loan will be available for use at the Center.

All intended purchases of new materials with Center funds will be submitted to the directors for review and approval.

If you have read a book or article that was interesting or helpful to you, please let us know about it so that we may include it in our bibliography. We'll need title, author, publisher and date; (plus issue date and page number in the case of a magazine article).

You might ask your local book store manager if a donation could be made.

If anyone knows of a way to obtain a large grant or subsidy for such a project from a private or public agency, please let us know the details.

POTLUCKS

There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday, January 14, 7-11pm at the Bi Center, 544 Market Street, Suite 305, San Francisco. Please bring food and liquids to share. $1.50 for members and $2.50 for non-members.

There will also be a potluck dinner on Saturday, February 18, 7-10:30 pm at Lew Porter's place, 3542 21st Street (between Church and Dolores), San Francisco. Please bring food and liquids to share. $1.50 for members and $2.50 for non-members.

If you get lost finding Lew's place, call him at 821-3810.

If you have any other questions about potlucks, call Bruce Cowan at 626-3131.

Bicycle Ride

There will be a bicycle ride on Sunday, January 22, to Tiburon. Meet at the Ferry Building (foot of Market) at 10:00 A.M. We will take the ferry to Sausalito and cycle to Tiburon for potluck lunch. Afterwards we will cycle back to Sausalito and will have the option of returning by ferry or cycling over the Golden Gate Bridge, through the Presidio, Marina, and Fisherman's Wharf to the Ferry Building. Please be prompt! 40% chance of rain cancels. For questions: Bruce Cowan, 626-3131.

Workshops

APPLIED MEDITATION WORKSHOP

This workshop, led by Margo Adair, will teach us how to use the meditative state to make practical changes in our lives, rather than pacifying us. We will look at how external circumstances effect our internal processes and vice versa. We will learn how to establish a rapport between our conscious and "sub-conscious" so we can act effectively rather than being at odds with ourselves.

The particular techniques offered will be shaped by the needs of the women and men who participate.

Margo Adair has been teaching Applied Meditation for the past five years.

We will meet on Thursday night, January 12, at 7:30 PM at 370 Precita, San Francisco. The fee is a sliding scale of $2 - $10, less $1 for members of the Bi Center. Call 647-3715 for further information.

Creating Relationships with Women

Rae Larson will lead a women-only workshop and focus on the fears and barriers women experience as they approach acting on wanting sexual and/or emotional closeness with another woman.

Rae Larson is co-founder and co-director of Seattle Institute for Sex Therapy, Education and Research. For the past 8 years she has worked in sexuality counseling, sex education and sex therapy.

The workshop will be held Thursday night, February 2, at 7:30 PM at 370 Precita, San Francisco. The fee is a sliding scale of $2-$10 less $1 for members of the Bi Center. Call 647-3715 for further information.

The Creation of Eve(il)

Rae Larson will present a provocative excursion for women and men through 30,000 years of human history focusing on sexuality. She will provide an assembly of archeological, mythological, historical and physiological evidence that make a clear case for the proposition that sexuality as we know it is the product of widespread cultural suppression.

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Transpersonal Bisexual Group:

three evening workshops with Ed Elkin. Both group and individual gestalt work, guided fantasy, and meditation will be included. An open group for male and female bisexuals and those interested in bisexuality. Ed Elkin, Ph.D., trained with Fritz Perls and has been a therapist and trainer since 1970. Groups will be held Tuesdays from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM at 755 Clayton St., San Francisco. Dates are Feb. 9, 16, and 23. Fee is $15 per couple and $8 per person. Phone 665-7236 for information.

Community Bulletin Board

The Bi Center has a women's ongoing weekly bisexual support group Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., at our own office, 544 Market Street, Room 305, San Francisco. This group is facilitated by Nikki Blue and Polly. If you have any questions, call Nikki at 655-8090.

free rap groups

We would like to meet with other bisexual people in Santa Clara County/South Bay area to form a rap group and support network. Please contact Cindy Fahy (408) 289 9145 or DAvid Strachan (408) 275 1081 if you're interested.

The Bi Center has an open bisexual rap group for women and men which meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, at our office at 544 Market Street, Suite 305, San Francisco. Call 982-1858 if you have any questions.

San Francisco Sex Information switchboard will be offering its spring training program, beginning the weekend of February 25th and 26th. Also Wednesday evenings March 8,15, 22, and 29, 7 to 10pm, concluding on the weekend of April 8 and 9. Cost is $75. plus a 6 month commitment of 3 hours per week on the phones.

For further information call: (415) 665-7300.

Members interested in contributing their talents (films, poems, songs, music, dance, bits of theatre, mime, comic acts, etc.) for an April "Arts" Benefit sponsored by the Bi Center, can contact Ed Sakir at 285-9626 for more information.

The Pacific Center in Berkeley, 2329 San Pablo Ave., 841-6224 (or toll-free from some parts of SF, 444-5555) has a married gay men's drop-in rap group (for gay/bi men involved in heterosexual marriages) every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:30 pm; a wives' support group (for women married to, or in a relationship with, gay/bi men) every first and third Wednesday at 7:30 pm; and an open bi women's rap group the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Please contact the Pacific Center for further details.

OFFICE HOURS

The office hours at the Bisexual Center are 3pm-6pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The address is 544 Market Street Suite 305, San Francisco.

Thanks

Many thanks to Lew Porter for the furniture, plants and wall hangings he has lent us for the Bi Center. His contributions are greatly appreciated.

BI•MONTHLY CALENDAR

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8	9	10	11 married ♂ rap Pac. Ctr.	12 meditation workshop	13	14 Pot Luck
15 Gen'l Mtg Bi-Ctr	16	17	18 wive's grp Pac Ctr.	19 History of Sexuality	20	21
22 Bicycle Ride	23	24	25 married ♂ rap Pac Ctr.	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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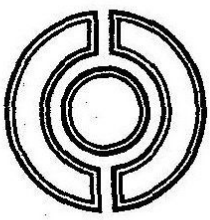
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
↕ indicates weekly meetings throughout the month see appropriate articles for details			1 wive's grp Pac Ctr. ♀ group ↕ Bi-Ctr	2 ♀ rap Pac Ctr creating relationships with ♀	3	4
5	6	7 ♀ ♂ Bi. Rap Bi-Center ↕	8 married ♂ rap Pac Ctr	9 Trans personal Bi workshop	10	11
12	13	14	15 wive's grp Pac Ctr.	16	17	18 Pot Luck
19	20	21	22 married ♂ rap Pac Ctr	23	24	25
26	27	28				



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